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LETTER TO EDITOR HOWE

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I make a specialty of dry hard wood, either sawed, sawed and split or four foot lengths, dry, hard and soft wood kindlings and coal of all kinds. I have a large stock and can fill your orders promptly, prices satisfactory.

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The Company also acts as agent in the purchase and sale of stocks, bonds, real estate, and in placing of loans.

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CUBAN BILL PASSED

Senate Makes Treaty Effective by Large Majority.

WILL FOSTER INSULAR PROSPERITY

Two Objects of the Government Were to Render Justice to Cuba and the Opening of New Markets to the United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—After an all day debate the senate passed the Cuban reciprocity treaty. The vote was 57 in favor of the treaty to 18 against it. As the measure was passed by the house of representatives during the special session, it now only awaits the president's signature. This will be affixed at once, as the special session was called for the purpose of disposing of the treaty.

With the passage of the bill to make effective the treaty of commercial reciprocity with Cuba the end for which the administration has constantly striven, with the twin objects of justice to Cuba and the opening of a new market to the United States, will be in sight and will be attained ten days after the exchange of ratifications of the treaty.

Epitomized, the new treaty admits into the United States all products of Cuba now dutiable at a reduction of 20 per cent upon the rates of the Dingley tariff. In return Cuba admits products of the United States at an equal reduction from its own tariff. In addition to this general concession Cuba agrees to three lists of imports from the United States upon which it grants reductions of duty respectively of 25, 30 and 40 per cent.

Another important provision of the treaty is that no Cuban sugar during the life of the treaty shall be admitted into the United States at a reduction of duty greater than 20 per cent upon the Dingley rate and that no other foreign sugar shall be admitted during the same period at any reduction of duty whatever. The treaty is to continue in force for five years and thereafter until terminated by the giving of one year's notice by either party.

This summary of the treaty is pertinent because it is expected that many inquiries as to exact terms will be made by manufacturers and exporters in the United States. They will need to study the schedule of articles upon which Cuba has made concessions of duty greater than 20 per cent. The interest of the general public lies in knowing the broad expectations that are held as to the advantage that this country will gain in increased export trade, a trade that should grow with the growth of Cuba in population and industry, due to the insular prosperity that reciprocity is expected to foster.

CUBA REJOICES.

News of Passage of Bill Received Everywhere With Enthusiasm.

HAVANA, Dec. 17.—News of the passage by the United States senate of the bill for reciprocity between the United States and Cuba, conveyed here by a bulletin, soon spread through the city. It came somewhat as a surprise both to the Cuban and Spanish merchants, the prolonged negotiations and the many delays having caused a feeling of skepticism as to the outcome, which was relieved only by the news.

Expressions of satisfaction are universal in Havana. Many Americans engaged in enterprises in Cuba are enthusiastic and believe that business generally will find relief from the depression of the past four months, during which stocks ran extremely low. It is believed that the passage of the bill will result immediately in heavy buying both from the United States and Europe.

South Dakota to Cuba.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 17.—A party of twenty from South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan and Illinois has reached Mobile en route to Cuba, where they have purchased 24,000 acres of grazing land and 48,000 acres of timber land in Puerto Principe province. They will locate there.

Three Drowned in a Runaway.

WATERBURY, N. Y., Dec. 17.—A special from Massena says that three men were drowned in the Massena canal there, and a fourth narrowly escaped a similar fate. The victims were William Wilkinson, George Moffatt and an Italian whose name is unknown. The men were in the employ of the St. Lawrence Power company and were passing through a runway on the canal when their boat capsized. The men were soon out of reach of ropes, and their bodies were carried down the rapids of the St. Lawrence.

Grace Atwood Rearrested.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 17.—Grace Atwood, alias Grace Gibson, who claims to be the wife of George F. Atwood of Boston, the self confessed postoffice thief and ex-convict, when released by the Springfield police was immediately rearrested by United States Marshal Pickering for alleged complicity in robbing the United States mails.

New Cure For Typhoid.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—All over the lower east side has spread the fame of the wonderful new cure for typhoid fever in use at Beth-Israel hospital. It is a serum imported from Italy and Switzerland, where it has astonished medical scientists. Remarkable cures have been made at the new hospital, and not one patient has died.

Former Archbishop of Santiago Dead. MADRID, Dec. 17.—Mr. Usti, the last Spanish archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, has died at Zamara, near San Sebastian. His body will be interred at the cathedral of the remains of

Boys' Books

For Christmas

The Henty Books, Horatio Alger, Jr., Works, Oliver Optics, Kirk Munro's, Robinson Crusoe, Swiss Family Robinson, Stevenson's Treasure Island, Rip Van Winkle and many others.

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427 Main Street.

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COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE

Estate of MARTHA E. AUSTIN. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Probate Court for the district of Bennington, COMMISSIONERS to receive, examine, and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Martha E. Austin late of Bennington in said district, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the Walsworth Inn, Bennington, Center, Vt., in said district of Bennington on the 7th day of January, 1909 and on each day of May, 1909 next, from 2 o'clock p. m. until 4 o'clock p. m., each of said days, and that six months from the first day of Dec. A. D. 1908, is the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Bennington, Vt., this 2nd day of Dec. A. D. 1908.

S. B. HALL, S. L. ROBINSON, Commissioners.

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CLARENCE CHANDLER,
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for a fine present, but a case would be better. If you can afford it, a case of Champagne, a case of Wine or Beer.

CHEER UP

during this holiday season and help others to do it, too. If you only send one bottle of Champagne it will please some people as much as a case to others. The liberal anyway and you will be happy, too.

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NOTICE!

Bennington County Savings Bank.

The annual meeting of the incorporators of the Bennington County Savings Bank will be held at the office of said Bank in its building in Bennington, Vt., on the first Wednesday, of January, A. D. 1909, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of trustees for the year ensuing and the transaction of any other business deemed necessary when met, especially to fill vacancies in the number of incorporators and to alter and revise the by-laws.

C. H. DEWEY, Secretary.

Dated at Bennington, Vt., Nov. 25, 1908. 1108

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of North Bennington, Vt., will be held at their banking house on Timothy, the fifth day of January, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other proper and necessary business.

S. B. HALL, Cashier.

North Bennington, December 3, 1908.

THE TYPHOID TERROR

Clara Barton of the Red Cross Reports From Butler.

FOUND NEARLY 1,800 CASES OF FEVER

Personal Inspection Reveals a Very Grave Situation, There Being an Average of Twelve New Patients Each Day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Dr. George A. Soper, a New York expert engaged to investigate the typhoid epidemic at Butler, Pa., and its causes, reports that the epidemic has by no means attained its culmination, about 50 per cent of the cases not having reached the critical stage.

Investigation of the drainage areas, he says, shows the existence of numerous sources of pollution, and particularly the occurrence of cases of typhoid on the banks of the Conoquenessing, since July.

Clara Barton, president of the American Red Cross, who visited Butler, Pa., with members of her staff in compliance with the recent appeal of the mayor and relief committee of that stricken city for assistance, has returned to Washington and is confirmation of the appeals from Butler made the following statement addressed to the people of the United States:

"Unable to judge of the seriousness of the situation at Butler, Pa., because of conflicting rumors of the typhoid epidemic, accompanied by members of my staff I have made a personal visit to the scene. We found in Butler, a town of 18,000 inhabitants, almost as many hundreds of patients in all stages of typhoid fever, a few cases convalescing to an average of twelve new cases per day. The hospitals are nearly full, but most of the patients are being treated at their homes. In some cases as many as six or eight members of the family are prostrated. The patients are attended in most part by trained nurses from such large cities as Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Rochester, more than 200 in all.

"The relief work is administered by a competent committee elected at a mass meeting of citizens about two weeks ago. This committee includes many of the most prominent merchants and professional men of the town, the burgess of Butler being one of the members. Investigation shows that at least \$75,000 more than is now in hand will be required for the relief work before the epidemic is over. This money cannot be obtained from the town and must be looked for in voluntary contributions from the outside public.

"Donations should be sent to Thomas J. Schufflin, treasurer, Butler relief committee."

Female Artists Were Harassed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—At a "stag" supper and vaudeville entertainment given by the Road Drivers' association at Healy's restaurant more than a hundred horsemen who have helped to make the speedway popular were denied the expected enjoyment of listening to women performers. Colonel Alexander Newburger, master of ceremonies, had engaged several women well known on the vaudeville stage, but the proprietor of the restaurant, remembering the Seelye dinner raid, vetoed the arrangement at the eleventh hour, refusing to permit any women to appear.

Rector of Seventy to Wed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Taking heart perhaps from recent examples by United States senators, the Rev. Dr. William Nicholas Dunnell, rector of All Saints' Episcopal church, who is more than seventy years old, has announced his engagement to Miss Anna Maria Mangle, who since her childhood has been a member of his household. The marriage will take place in January, and Bishop Potter will officiate.

Willis Waited Twenty Years.

LEOMINSTER, Mass., Dec. 17.—John H. Willis, aged sixty-six, a veteran of the civil war, was arrested here on a warrant alleging polygamy. Willis says his first wife ran away twenty-seven years ago. He waited twenty years, then married again. Wife No. 1 is now in Haverhill and is understood to have furnished the information that caused the arrest.

New York Can Have Convention.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The proposal to hold the Democratic national convention for 1904 in New York has been looked upon favorably by many prominent Democrats from all over the country. If New York wants the Democratic national convention it can get it. The Democracy of the country feels very friendly toward the Democrats of New York.

Shipped Receiver Denied.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 17.—In the United States circuit court here Judge Andrew Kirkpatrick denied the application of the Mercantile Trust company of New York for a receiver for that portion of the property of the United States Shipbuilding company which is in New Jersey.

Carnegie and Negro Question.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—In an address to the Armstrong association here Mr. Andrew Carnegie declared the recent action of the Union League club in reference to the negro question was an attempt to revive Force bill legislation in a new form.

Christmas Gift of \$250,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The Crane company will wish its employees a merry Christmas to the extent of \$250,000 in cash this year. It is said that on an average each worker for the concern will receive about \$50.

Weather Probabilities.

Fair; light west winds.

ROOT DEFENDS WOOD.

General Acting Under Orders From the War Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Secretary Root at the Wood investigation was asked especially about the charge which Major Rathbone had made that General Wood had influenced the courts in the prosecution of Rathbone and had tampered with the courts.

The secretary explained at some length the court system in Cuba, saying that the court of first instance was in reality an officer directed to prosecute and to obtain evidence. He was something like a grand jury in finding evidence, but was further empowered to go out and obtain evidence, mingle with the people, procure affidavits and otherwise to collect evidence against alleged offenders.

The secretary said he knew what General Wood was doing in this matter and approved it. The secretary said that, in fact, he directed that the prosecution of the offenders be vigorous, and General Wood was acting in this matter under orders from the war department.

WILL STORM THE HOUSE.

Murderer, Harried in His Home, Holds Off Police Posse.

RIVERHEAD, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Sheriff Henry H. Preston, with a posse of fifty armed men, has left here for the home of A. Tuttle Reeves, who has barricaded himself in his home at Aquabogue after shooting and killing William A. Rafford, a deputy sheriff and warden of the county jail.

It is expected that when the sheriff's posse reaches the Reeves homestead a determined effort will be made to capture the murderer. It has been planned to make an assault under cover of darkness.

Marie Corelli's Verdict Half a Cent.

BIRMINGHAM, England, Dec. 17.—At the assizes here the jury awarded Marie Corelli, the novelist, one-half a cent damages, each side to pay their own costs, in a libel suit brought by her against the proprietor of the Stratford-on-Avon Herald in connection with a recent controversy in which Miss Corelli opposed the erection of a Carnegie library on the ground that it involved a desecration of Shakespeare's birthplace. The alleged libel consisted in a statement that Miss Corelli desired to erect a library at the same place. The case attracted considerable attention, and the court was crowded, many fashionable people being present. Miss Corelli testified in her own behalf for two hours and emphatically denied that she ever intended to erect a library.

Leak in East River Tunnel.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Passengers on the South ferry to Brooklyn were surprised to find that a space about twenty feet square in the northeast corner of the waiting room was boxed off by a high board partition. The reason for this was that the floor had settled several inches owing to the depression of the piling, occasioned by the swishing of the sand through the action of the compressed air machine operated to keep back the water from a leak in the East river Rapid Transit tunnel now being bored under the river. No danger is anticipated.

Quimby Bank Robbers Caught.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Dec. 17.—Robbers blew open the safe of the Citizens' Savings bank at Quimby, forty miles north-east of Sioux City, and secured \$3,000 in cash. Burglars also blew the door from the safe of the postoffice at Paulina, Ia., and secured \$125. While in search of the men who committed the latter robbery Sheriff Price of O'Brien county captured two of the Quimby bank robbers, recovering \$1,400 of the stolen money.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Stock Quotations.

Money on call steady at 5 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent. Exchange, \$24.70-49; balances, \$10.74-87. Closing prices:
Amal. Copper... 48
Atchafalca... 63 1/2
B. & O... 79
Brooklyn R. I... 50 1/2
C. & O. St. L... 28
Ches. & Ohio... 23
Chi. & Northw... 105
D. & H... 133 1/2
Erie... 20 1/2
Gen. Electric... 145
Illinois Cen... 120 1/2
Manhattan... 141 1/2
Metropolitan... 122
Missouri Pac... 62
N. Y. Central... 118 1/2
Norfolk & West... 117 1/2
Penn. R. R... 113 1/2
Reading... 44 1/2
Rock Island... 25 1/2
St. Paul... 143 1/2
Southern Pac... 48 1/2
Southern Ry... 21
South. Ry. pt... 77 1/2
Sugar... 124 1/2
Tex. Pacific... 23 1/2
Union Pacific... 78 1/2
U. S. Steel... 105 1/2
U. S. Steel pt... 53
West. Union... 57 1/2
N. Y. Central... 118 1/2

New York Markets.

FLOUR—Unsettled and a shade lower to sell; Minnesota patents, \$4.50-4.75; winter straight, \$4.40-4.50; winter extras, \$4.30-4.40; winter patents, \$4.20-4.30.
WHEAT—Opened steady on cables and local covering, but later eased off under additional liquidation; May, \$1.05-1.06; July, \$0.98-1.00.
RICE—Dull; state and Jersey, \$0.50-0.52; No. 2 western, \$0.48-0.50, c. o. b. about.
CORN—Firm on the light country offerings and commission house support; May, \$0.48-0.49.
OATS—Nominal; track, white, state, \$0.40-0.42; track, white, western, \$0.38-0.40.
PORE—Easy; mess, \$11.75-12.00; family, \$12.50-13.00.
LARD—Steady; prime western steam, 6 1/2c.
BUTTER—Quiet and steady; extra creamery, 25c.; state dairy, 19-22c.
CHEESE—Quiet; state full cream, fancy, small, colored, September, 12c.; late made, 10c.; small, white, September, 12c.; late made, 10c.; large, colored, September, 12c.; late made, 10c.; large, white, September, 12c.; late made, 10c.

Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Market steady; choice, \$0.40-0.42; prime, \$0.38-0.40; fair, \$0.36-0.38; veal calves, \$0.20-0.22.
HOGS—Market lower; prime heavy, medium, heavy and light Yorkers and pigs, \$4.70-4.85; roughs, \$2.75-3.00.
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market strong; prime wethers, \$10.00-10.25; culls and common, \$7.00-8.00; choice lambs, \$5.00-5.25.
HORSES—Market steady; city, \$4c.; country, \$3.50-4.00.
MAY—Steady; shipping, 60-65c.; good to choice, \$0.62-0.65.

Special Reduction

Christmas Sale

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NOVECK'S

We will offer exceptional Bargains during this Sale, greater and deeper cut in prices will be made all through the store, especially prices are sacrificing in our Cloak, Suit and Skirt departments. One-third to one-half off on some garments, it is a good opportunity to gift purchasers to look over our stock and save money. Our Fur assortment is unusually large, prices has been marked down, Special for the Holidays. You will find an endless variety of Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Fancy Toilet Boxes, Silk Umbrellas, Belts, Silk Petticoats, Silk Waists and hundreds of other good desirable articles suitable for Christmas Gifts. When out in search for good goods at bargain prices, stop at our store, you know you are welcome any time.

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Henry D. Fillmore at age 27, bought of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. a \$1500 Single Payment Fifteen Year Endowment, paying therefor \$1016.30. This policy is now announced to be worth in cash \$1910.00 at maturity, showing an investment return of FOUR and THREE-EIGHTHS PER CENT. COMPOUND INTEREST.

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